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ZA, ALBANIA (FACT, FICTION, RUMORS, MAYBE FOR REAL). Gee, I do not know where to begin with this one. I guess I will start with the Albanian Pirate. A station signing ZA1AP (AP stands for Albanian Pirate) has been very active this weekend. Both European and U.S. sources have heard this station say he is an Albanian Pirate. Also, it was reported on the Family Hour DX Net, that any callsigns issued from Albania would be a "ZA2" prefix. ZA1 prefixes are Military issued only. If this is true, than any ZA1 you hear on the air would apparently be a PIRATE! This information came from a German station that had been to Albania.

It was also reported, that a Helen, RB5WA, was on 21277.5 kHz saying a team of Hungarian operators will be operating from Albania, July 29th.

Almost on the same note as the RB5WA information, N0IMH and others on the Butterfly Net, on 14226.5 kHz, reported there will be a definite ZA operation next weekend starting August 2nd, 3rd or 4th. The licence is valid for 5 weeks and the operation should last for about one month. The length of their operation all depends on their funds. The operators are Hungarian, HA0MM and HA0NNN, will sign as ZA2QA. There are to be two stations on the air with beams and amps. QSLs are to be handled by Quick AID QSL Service, P.O. Box NR 5, Komoro 4622, Hungary (there is some conflicting info on this). Donations are to be sent to Ja'nos Bolyoczki, Eotvos u. 14, Nyiregyhaza H-4400, Hungary. Let's hope this is for REAL! KYFC!!

5W, WESTERN SAMOA. Ron, ZL1AMO, is now active as 5W1CW. Ron prefers CW, but will work some SSB. Check the following frequencies: 3799, 7004, 10104, 14022, 14165, 14252, 18076, 24906 and 28021 around the hours of 0000 to 0300z and again 1030 to 1200z.

FP, ST.PIERRE & MIGUELON ISLAND. This island should become quite scarce as Patrick, FP5DX-FP14DX, will be leaving the island in August. He has been quite active on 18120, 14241, 14200, 14030 and 7005 kHz between 2345 to 0330z. Pat will return to France and uses his home callsign which is F2DX.

KP5, DESECHEO. It was reported last weekend on the VK4OH Net that KP5, Desecheo will be activated August 23.

T5, SOMALI. T5RR showed up on 18160 kHz around 2030z this week. QSL via I2JSB.

TI9, COCOS ISLAND. Jeff, WB3JFS, had a QSO with Jose, TI2JJP, this past week and Jose told him he is planning to go to TI9 for about two weeks in mid-November. He is hoping to operate on all bands on SSB and CW. Also, Jose mentioned that his cards should be going out soon from the past expedition a few weeks back. Those who have not received cards from his other expedition should resend another QSL to TI2AOC. Jose is looking forward to operate from the island again, stating that he knows many people still need it, if not for a new one, maybe one for a new band.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. The Italian team made it on the air with the callsign T6AS. But due to weak signals and poor propagation, their operation did not satisfy the many who needed this for a new country. Unfortunately, the operators were ordered out of the country on July 21st. QSL to IT9AZS.

ZD9, GOUGH ISLAND. ZD9BV was heard saying there would be an operation from Gough Island around September 24th. The operator will be active on 6 meters, WARC bands, Packet radio and the usual SSB and CW. His call will probably be ZD9CP, although this has not been confirned yet.

ZS9, WALVIS BAY. Ian, ZS9A, usually can be found between 28610 to 28615 kHz around 1430 to 1630z. QSL via ZS1IS.

DXCC NEWS.....
It was announced this week that both 3X1SG and 3X1AU are now acceptable for DXCC credit. Documentation that was sent by QSL Manager ON6BV was reviewed and accepted by the DXCC staff. DXCC credit is effective immediately and those who had their cards returned may resubmit them with their next endorsement.

THE WK3N WORLD DX NEWS REPORT.....
HZ/7Z+4X4=-4U?? The oil rich Kingdom of Saudi Arabia offered to suspend a 40 year economic boycott of Israel, if Jewish settlements are haulted on occupied Arab lands. Could this be the end of 4U contacts and the beginning of a new country?..... YI - Fighting once again is brewing between the Iraqi Army and the Kurds. A future peace settlement here could recreate the country Kurdisan?..... S2 - Bangladesh. It is highly unlikely to see any operations from this third world nataion in the near future, as people flee their homes as massive flooding continues and the weather threatens with more cyclones...

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